

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32 remain in this application. Applicants believe that no new matter is added to the application as part of this response.

1. Amendments

Claims 1 and 25 have been rewritten so that the preamble recites a "lithography stage structure."

Claim 11 has been rewritten to recite "TiO₂."

Claim 13 has been rewritten to recite "H₂O."

Claim 21 has been rewritten to recite "doped glass powder."

No new matter is believed to be added to the application by these amendments.

2. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The amendments made to claims 1, 11, 13, 21 and 25 are believed to address the Examiner's rejections. Applicant therefore requests that the rejections of claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter of claims 1-32 is allowable. Claims 1-32 are now believed to be in allowable form.

4. Conclusion

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of record, Applicant believes the pending claims 1-32 of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the cited references. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and prompt further action thereon.

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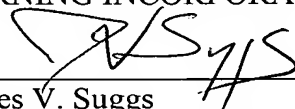
Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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